

Working Group 1: EU Production

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 17 September 2025 (09:30 – 13:00 WEST / 10:30 – 14:00 CEST)

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09:30 Welcome from the Chair, Julien Lamothe

09:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (05.05.25)

09:40 Action points

- State-of-play of the action points of the last meeting - information

09:45 Landing Obligation

- Presentation of the study supporting the evaluation of the landing obligation by Adolfo Merino Buisac (MARE C3)
- Exchange of views

10:15 Common Market Organisation

- Presentation on the section on Producer Organisations of the study on the Common Market Organisation by Séverine Renault (AND International)
- Exchange of views

10:45 Break

11:00 Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries

- Consideration of draft advice on STECF's Economic Report on the EU Aquaculture Sector
- Way forward

12:00 Implementation Dialogue

- Exchange of views on the competitiveness in the market of the small-scale fisheries
- Way forward

12:45 Sustainability Criteria for Fishery and Aquaculture Products

- Update on the development of the sustainability criteria tool by Gerd Heinen (MARE A4)
- Exchange of views

12:50 AOB



12:55 Summary of action items

13:00 *End of meeting*

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Annotated Version

| Type | Item | Background | Purpose | Documents |
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| Information | Landing Obligation | As part of the ongoing evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy, the European Commission commissioned an external study on the landing obligation. The study was published on 16 June 2025. While the fisheries management aspects of the landing obligation are outside of the area of competence of the MAC, there are market-related aspects, such as the outlets for unwanted catches. On 18 September 2024, the MAC adopted advice on the matter. | Presentation of the external study, focusing on the market-related aspects (e.g., market outlets, processing infrastructure, food waste), by DG MARE representative. | - Study - Advice |
| Information | Common Market Organisation | Following up on the report on the functioning of the Common Market Organisation, DG MARE commissioned an external study on the provisions related to professional organisations and consumer information. The study will contribute to the ongoing evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy. | Presentation on the section on Producer Organisations of the study by a member of the consortium of external consultants. | - Recommendation Letter - CMO Report - Advice |
| Consideration | Aquaculture Economic Report | Every two years, STECF publishes the economic report on the EU aquaculture sector, which provides a comprehensive overview of the latest information available on the production, economic value, structure and competitive performance of the aquaculture sector at the national and EU level. A questionnaire to collect feedback from the members was circulated from 3 to 17 July 2025. A proposal of draft advice, based on the views of the MAC and AAC members, was circulated on 1 August 2025. | Consideration of joint draft advice on the Terms of Reference of the next edition of the report. | - STECF Report - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area) |
| Information | Implementation Dialogue | In 2025, the European Commission launched the Implementation Dialogues. The main purpose is to | Exchange of views on the competitiveness in the market, | - Implementation Dialogues |

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| | | strengthen and boost European competitiveness by seeking feedback from stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of EU policies and the simplification of EU rules and spending programs. On 24 November 2025, Commissioner Kadis will hold an Implementation Dialogue focused on small-scale coastal fisheries, which will include four representatives from the Advisory Councils. The MAC Chair will participate. While the Executive Committee will prepare the corresponding mandate, the exchange of views by the Working Group will inform the preparations. | including administrative burden and simplification, of small-scale coastal fisheries. | |
| Information | Sustainability Criteria | At the request of DG MARE, STECF has been developing sustainability criteria and indicators for fishery and aquaculture products. The latest report focused on three fisheries-specific indicators (impact on seabed, impact on targeted stocks, impact on sensitive species), which will be integrated into a voluntary tool. DG MARE established a group to test the new tool. A call for expressions of interest was circulated from 29 November to 13 December 2024. | Brief update on the development of the sustainability criteria tool by DG MARE representative. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - STECF Report - Advice |